

REMARKS

The present application was filed on November 30, 2001, with claims 1-8. In an amendment filed on October 17, 2003, Applicants canceled claim 8, and added new claims 9-15. Proceedings as to claims 1-4 and 11 are now considered terminated due to expiration of the time period for further action responsive to the Decision of the Board of Appeals dated November 22, 2005. Claims 5-7, 9, 10 and 12-15 were pending prior to the amendments made herein.

Claims 5, 6 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,891,567 (hereinafter "Steinberg") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,930,709 (hereinafter "Creamer").

Claims 7, 9, 10 and 13-15 are rejected under §103(a) over Steinberg and Creamer in further view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0161476 (hereinafter "Panofsky").

In this response, Applicants cancel claims 1-4 and 11, amend independent claims 5 and 12, and add new claims 16-20.

New claim 16 recites a memory that utilizes a directory structure comprising at least a captured image directory and a separate transferred image directory, with the captured image directory being configured for storing a plurality of digital images captured by the digital camera, and the transferred image directory being configured for storing a plurality of digital images transferred to the digital camera from the service provider. The claim further recites that the transferred digital images have a lower resolution than the captured digital images. Support for these limitations can be found in the specification at, for example, page 12, lines 4-32, and FIG. 6. Examples of the recited captured image directory and transferred image directory include respective subdirectories 430 and 440 in FIG. 6.


Dependent claims 17-20 correspond generally to respective dependent claims 2-4 and 11 that are now canceled.

Independent claims 5 and 12 have been amended in a manner which is believed to distinguish the collective teachings of Steinberg, Creamer and Panofsky. These claims recite a directory structure similar to that described above in the context of claim 16, but with an additional directory, namely a content directory, for storing

content information as files corresponding to respective content categories. An example of the recited content directory is directory 450 in the illustrative embodiment of FIG. 6. See the specification at, for example, page 13, lines 1-11.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that claims 5-7, 9, 10 and 12-20 are in condition for allowance.

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